

Our Heartiest Thanks For A Prosperous Season

MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS, THE GREEN HOLLY AND THE MISTLETOE BRING JOY TO YOUR HEART, PLEASURE TO YOUR EYES, AND TO YOUR LIPS THE CARESSES FROM LOVED ONES.

Bank of East Chattanooga



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Here's a health to all who know us,
And to those we know—a health;
May they never know the dearth
Of the best things on this earth—
Health, Friends, Love and Mirth—
With a goodly share of wealth.

Cameron & Barr

MEAT MARKET AND BAKERY



Season's Greetings

May Christmas be a joyful day—
Joys of the very best;
And through the year we hope you may
Have good luck as your guest.

Lookout Optical Company

420-421 Volunteer Building
Dr. W. S. Hobbs, Optometrist



Christmas Again

CHRISTMAS is the same and yet how distinctly this one stands out from all those past! Christmas of 1918 will remain in all the years to come as the most blessed Yuletide the world has seen. In thousands of homes today there reigns a peace, a joy, which has never been known before. It is almost miraculous, it seems, that in thousands of homes already family circles are united which have been broken for months, not to say years.

The machinery which beats our swords into plowshares is moving rapidly and smoothly. The days of Christmas preparation were just as full, just as busy, and just as happy as ever before. To have a share in all this busy happiness has been a greater pleasure to us than ever before, and we thank you most sincerely for allowing us to have this privilege.

Mac Kenney Trunk Company

737 MARKET STREET
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EMPLOYERS REMEMBER WORKERS WITH BONUS

YEAR OF PROSPERITY FITTINGLY CELEBRATED.

Christmas Remembrances Based Largely Upon Earn- ings of Employees.

The year 1918 has been a very busy one for practically all of the local manufacturers as well as the leading merchants, and as a consequence of the faithful services of their employees the directors of the various commercial and industrial organizations are planning to reward their workers fittingly. In many instances giving the labor which has enabled them to meet the pressing war demands a direct share in the profits, in addition to the high wages which have been prevalent during the past year or more. Many organizations have chosen the plan of rewarding their employees by giving them direct bonuses. Others have just given their men checks with a "merry Christmas" written on them. Still others have chosen to give life insurance policies. Still others, heeding the pleas of the war savings committees and directors, have made their Christmas gifts consist of war savings cards.

The Converse Bridge company has taken out a \$1,000 insurance policy for each of its employees, which the company will renew each year. This plan has been adopted by a number of organizations including several local banks, it is said.

Many merchants are remembering their employees with checks without following any set rule governing their amounts. Miller Bros. company will present employees with a bonus.

Employees of the United Textile mills who have been regular in their attendance and interested in their work have received a bonus amounting to 6 percent of their year's earnings. In all there are five of the United mills located here, employing some 1,300 men and women. The total bonus amounted to more than \$10,000. At the mills a large number of women and girls are employed, about 50 per cent of the force being composed of this class of labor. Their average earnings for the current year amounted to \$11.000. At this rate each employee's bonus amounted to about \$60. The textile people have been contemplating the inauguration of the system for several years, but put it into effect only last January. The plan of giving bonuses about Christmas time each year will be continued in the future. An employee might have been absent from his work for a long time and still be given the bonus, provided he had some good excuse, such as sickness. The foreman passes upon the employee's eligibility to the bonus.

The past year has been so good with the cotton and woolen mill people that many are planning to present their employees with substantial gifts as Christmas presents.

Many plants take advantage of the

holiday season to make special arrangements for the year for a week or more to enable them to make general repairs and overhaul their machinery. Many mills are giving two days' holiday, while still others are granting an even longer time. The United States Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry company shut down for a few days pending completion of repairs. The United Textile mills will also remain closed for a few days.

Fine Christmas Spirit.

Employees of the Park Women mills were given a pleasant surprise Tuesday morning by their employers. As a Christmas gift from the company each employee was given a check for 10 percent of his or her earnings for the past year—more than a whole month's salary. Every one of the employees employed at the mills was given something—even those who had been in the service of the company a few days. In some instances the Christmas present amounted to more than \$200 and the average was more than \$100. In less time than it takes to tell, \$6,000 worth of checks for the company's profit was divided among the employees.

At 10 in the morning the machines, which for the past months have been working incessantly turning out woolen cloth by hand and over there during the cold winter, were stopped, and the operatives assembled before a stand upon which Supt. Coker, of the local mill, stood to address them. In his address the superintendent praised the workers for their loyalty and their faithful service to their country and their employers. He said they had done their bit and done it well, and thoroughly. For their service the company wished to reward them and had at last hit upon the plan of giving them something. The Christmas presents, since the past year had been an unusually profitable one. The announcement was greeted with great applause. The Christmas presents, which were contained in decorated holiday envelopes bearing the inscription "Merry Christmas" and the name of the employee, were passed among the woolen workers.

BETTERTON LOSES NONRESIDENT FIGHT

WOULD ABOLISH FREE-
HOLDER PROVISION.

Letter From Fuel Administra-
tor Authorizes Discontin-
uance Skip-Stop Plan.

The Hamilton county delegation to the state legislature is asked to propose an amendment whereby citizens of the city would be eligible for the office of mayor or commissioner, whether they were freeholders or not. This action was voted favorably on by the city commission after an amendment proposed by Commissioner Betterton, which would qualify anyone for office if he held property in the city and resided in the county, had been rejected. The former motion was proposed by Mayor Littleton and was immediately answered by the commissioners, fire and police, who said he would vote for it if it were put forth as an amendment to his own. He secured no support. After discussion, Commissioner Betterton moved that the words "Hamilton county" be substituted in the measure, making any resident of the county eligible to election to a municipal office. In this he was not supported again and the commission went on record favoring the original motion of Mayor Littleton.

When Commissioner Betterton brought up his original motion he pointed out that several men who would otherwise be possible aspirants for city offices are disqualified by the provision making it necessary that they be residents of the city. Among these he mentioned Judge M. M. Allison, W. E. Brock, Judge Will Cummings and O. B. Andrews, all of whom live outside the city limits. Mr. Betterton pointed out that these men, while not technically citizens of Chattanooga, are in reality such, and are entitled to the same privileges and considerations as men who reside in the city. The present state of affairs was declared by Mr. Betterton to contain incalculable injustice for many large city property owners who make their homes in the suburbs or on Lookout or Signal mountains.

After formally making the motion that the legislature be requested to pass his amendment, Mr. Betterton looked around expectantly for a second. None was forthcoming, so he good-naturedly gave way to Mr. Bass, who arose to speak. Discussion was really not in order as the motion had not been seconded, in stating his reason for refusing to support Mr. Betterton's motion.

"In the first place, the charter was submitted to the people of the city and secured their approval after proper consideration. That is, it was an issue in a legislative campaign, the people signifying their support by electing the candidates who favored it. Changes of this character should be submitted to the people. I can see no reason why this board should offer a resolution to the legislature concerning a question on which the people have already declared their stand."

Only Suggestion. Mr. Betterton stated, "In answer to Mr. Bass' contention that consideration of this measure is without our province, that the commission could not really force anything on the people thereby. Anything they might do, he declared, would be only in the nature of a suggestion to the legislature. He offered a few more statements in support of his motion.

Mayor Littleton then introduced his motion which would make any citizen of Chattanooga eligible for city office, whether he owned property or not, provided he could stand the other qualifications—the motion which was finally passed. Mr. Betterton declared he would support it if it were offered as an amendment to his motion.

Mr. Bass again rose in opposition to the fire and police commissioner, or rather to explain his refusal to second the latest suggestion, that he was as his name implied, a police officer. He said that he was playing politics—that he had a candidate "tied out somewhere."

Mr. Littleton then explained his stand in favor of the "tied out" man, any citizen of Chattanooga eligible for city office, whether a freeholder or not. This was passed.

While the action of the city commission, as Mr. Betterton stated, was only a "suggestion" to the legislature, it will prove a "suggestion" of a rather influential nature.

"Skip Stop" Not Necessary. A letter was read from State Fuel Administrator in regard to the skip-stop system of conducting street railway traffic be lifted. The governor has saved an immense amount of fuel throughout the state of Tennessee during its operation, and it is considered that the necessity for its continuance is no longer present.

A letter will be drafted to be sent to the officials of the Chattanooga Railway and Light company asking that street cars be allowed to stop at every corner, as formerly. The letter from Mr. Myer follows:

The Hon. F. W. Hoover, Vice-President Chattanooga Railway and Light company: Mayor and City Council of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tenn. Citizens—Some months ago the Chattanooga Railway and Light company and the city of Chattanooga very patriotically complied with the request of the United States fuel administration at Washington to inaugurate the skip-stop system as a coal conservation war measure.

This war emergency no longer exists. There is an abundance of coal. In consideration of this, I, as fuel administrator for Tennessee, withdraw this request for continuance of the skip-stop system. This leaves the question of continuance by the Chattanooga Railway and Light company of the system to the people of Chattanooga and the Chattanooga Railway and Light company. Very truly yours,

W. E. MYER.

U. S. Fuel Administrator for Tennessee.

APPEAL FOR UNION OF LIBERAL PARTIES

STRONG OPPOSITION TO
BOLSHEVISM.

Freedom of Press and Exem- ption From Excessive Tax- ation Demanded.

With the American Army of Occupation in Germany, Dec. 25.—(By Courier to Nancy.)—(J. N. S.)—The Germans of the Rhineland community, a strong industrial district, are beginning to strongly oppose the bolshevism of the soldiers' and workers' councils.

Political organizations are being formed and frequent meetings are being held at Coblenz (which is now occupied by American troops).

An appeal is being made from Coblenz for a union of all liberal parties desiring a free republic in Germany. The platform includes a union of Germany and German-Austria, giving civic rights to all citizens, both in Germany and Austria.

Freedom of the press is demanded and exemption from excessive taxation. When the German national assembly is convened next month this platform will be presented.

One interesting clause is that proper care shall be provided for the soldiers maimed in the war.

OGLETHORPE MEN DECLARE FOR RELIGION

SOLDIERS INTERESTED IN
VITAL QUESTIONS.

"V" Hut 23 Is Scene of Be-
ginning of Big Bible
Class Movement.

(Harry McKee.) The query, "Can young men of this generation, particularly those of the army, be interested in vital questions dealing with morals and religion?" has been most emphatically answered in the affirmative at the Oglethorpe camps.

Not only has it been shown that the soldiers are interested, but they take keen delight in discussing these problems, so much so that at present there is an open forum held for forty-five minutes each evening during the week nights at all the huts. This has become an important part of the camp activities.

This phase of the camp work started in a small way some five months ago when the staff at Hut 23, of which Dr. Arthur Row, Chaplain and building secretary, and Rev. R. E. Dunn the religious secretary, Mr. Dunn started a Bible class that had the open forum idea as a basis. In one of the smaller rooms at the hut. The discussions were so interesting that in a short time the room was too small to accommodate the crowds of soldiers that came, and the meetings were adjourned to the main room. These meetings are held each evening at 6:30 and the interest and attendance grew until now for two months the building has been crowded to capacity each evening and the interest grows instead of abating.

The subjects discussed are those of the day in social, religious and the educational realms and are participated in by both officers and men. This has become so popular and accomplished so much for the men that the program is now extended to each hut of the camp, and the men everywhere are taking a great interest in the discussions. The educational and religious departments, under the direction of Dr. A. I. Rhein and Dr. George H. Mack, have standardized the program. Among the questions already discussed are "Should Military Training Be Adopted in the United States?" "Should the National Prohibition Amendment Be Adopted?" "What is the Duty of the Returning Soldier Toward the Church?" and "Is Lynching Ever Justifiable?" In discussing these questions the soldiers present their own arguments, and though at times the discussion is spirited, when they meet, not only their sentiments, the moral side of the questions have had a decided majority. This program has proven so popular at the Oglethorpe camps that it will be continued during the stay of the present soldier units and will become one of the leading phases of the program when overseas men come here for demobilization. The leaders in the southeastern department are watching this work in Oglethorpe and it is probable that the open forum will be established in all the camps of the department.

The questions for discussion this week are as follows:

Monday—"What Is the Duty of the Returning Soldier to the Church?" Tuesday—"Can Good Will Be Used as a Basis for Peace Negotiations?" Thursday—"What Are the True Aims of Business?" Friday—"Should Every Municipality Retain a Health Officer on Full Time?"

Saturday—The men will select some one of the foregoing for additional discussion or else choose one of their own. In some of the previous debates the discussion has continued through three evenings. This was the case of the question of "Prostitution." At the close of this debate 700 soldiers voted unanimously that they favored the elimination of the segregated district and pledged themselves to work toward this end.

HOPE ABANDONED

War Savers Admit that State Quota Will Not Be Sold.

Hope that the entire war savings quota of the state will be sold by the first of the year has been abandoned at the state war savings headquarters. At present a report of the sales is being prepared and within a few days it will be definitely known just how much of the quota remains unsold. While the entire quota has been over subscribed, many of the thrift stamp pledges remain at the last hour unredeemed. The final pledge redemption day which was held Dec. 11, being followed by a "show me" campaign started in many of the delinquent counties when pledges were called upon by the committee to commit the stamps. The final campaign, it is thought, added a good sum to the total Tennessee quota. Some ten or fifteen of the ninety-six counties are expected to go over. Hamilton is included in this list. So far the only two counties who have reported "over the top" are Trousdale and Lincoln.

Indications are that the total sales for the year will amount to upward of \$30,000,000. Tennessee's quota in the government securities amounts to approximately \$17,000,000. State headquarters are preparing for a heavy stamp sale during the one remaining week of the year and the campaign and all banks, stores and other baby bond agencies are directed to have a large number of stamps on hand.

A Health Builder For Weakened Lungs

Where a continued cough or cold threatens the lungs, Eckman's Alternative will help to stop the cough, strengthen the tissues and restore health. 50c and \$1.50 bottles at drug stores.

W. E. MYER.

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COLD IN DEATH

Body of DeArmond, Mysteriously Killed, Arrives.

On the day he was "come home to spend Christmas with loved ones, F. V. DeArmond, well known contractor, arrived but his body was cold in death. He wrote his wife last week that he would soon be homeward bound. A few short hours later he received a gunshot wound that quickly ended his life. The tragedy occurred at Camp Eustis, Va., where Mr. DeArmond had been engaged for some time in building cantonments.

Mrs. DeArmond, instead of greeting a joyful and smiling husband, journeyed to Washington, where, with broken heart, she gazed upon the still form of the man who, many years ago, took the solemn vow that he would love and protect her in sickness and health. Christmas held no joy for this courageous wife and mother who has borne up bravely under her crushing load of sorrow and anxiety.

She has yet to hear the details of the crime which snuffed out Mr. DeArmond's life, for, try her best, she has been unsuccessful so far in getting even the slightest thread of information. Efforts of others to solve the mystery connected with the shooting have also been in vain.

It was evident from an examination of the body that a government post mortem had been held at Camp Eustis.

Funeral services over the body of Mr. DeArmond will be held from the residence, 2 Graham street, North Chattanooga, Thursday afternoon at 2:30, with Dr. O. E. Gardner, pastor of the Northside Presbyterian church, officiating. The quartet from this church will furnish music. The interment will follow in White Oak cemetery.

BANQUET AT SIGNAL INN HONORS COL. BASTION

OFFICERS REPLACEMENT
GROUP ENTERTAIN.

Elaborate Affair Compliments
Commander—Covers for
Thirty.

Officers of the replacement group at Fort Oglethorpe entertained with a banquet Monday evening at Signal Inn, in honor of Lieut. Col. J. E. Bastion, commander of the replacement group. The dinner was served in the main dining room, which was attractively decorated in holly, mistletoe and other Christmas motifs.

Those present were: Col. Bastion, Capt. C. A. Stayton, Capt. W. L. Henderson, Lieut. Read B. Harding, Lieut. Grady A. Morgan, Lieut. John D. Simmonds, Lieut. Reginald L. Press, Lieut. Albert N. Redmond, Lieut. J. E. Douglas, Lieut. William B. Lowry, Lieut. J. W. McKee, Jr., Lieut. M. F. Schenck, Lieut. I. G. Langum, Lieut. Frank J. Sauer, Lieut. Hart, Maj. C. M. Chaffin, Capt. R. E. Gilkey, Capt. P. H. Schater, Lieut. George B. Kent, Lieut. William W. Young, Lieut. Eugene F. Griffith, None R. Walther, Lieut. James C. Preston, Lieut. Harry E. Brooks, Lieut. Carl E. Krugmeyer, Lieut. H. L. Padgett, Lieut. E. M. Deacon, Lieut. G. G. E. Cross and Lieut. Glenn.

Stop, look and Whistle.—(Adv.)

VANKS AT RESORTS. Tours, France, Nov. 14. Nearly all of the five districts in France which have been designated as "leave areas" for American soldiers are well-known summer watering places, to which only the wealthy usually resorted in years past.

The great hotels, which then were occupied by tourists from America and other parts of the world, now shelter the American soldiers who are on leave after a period of service at the front.

Beautiful casino buildings and other facilities for attractions which are connected with these hotels or conducted for the benefit of tourists now have been taken over by the Y. M. C. A. military bands have been ordered to all the "leave areas" and Y. M. C. A. entertainment programs are given in all of them.

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Christmas**

We wish you every gladness,
And all your heart holds dear,
Not only at this Christmas,
But through each passing year.

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**Christmas
Again**

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**Greetings
and Best Wishes**

To Our Friends and Patrons:

We wish you all a Merry Christmas. We cannot tell you in words how we appreciate your friendship and patronage that you have given us this last year, during these trying times.

Many of us have had some of our loved ones on the other side fighting for justice. We rejoice with those who have received glad tidings that the brother, father or son is unharmed and will soon return, and we sorrow and weep with those who have been unfortunate to lose their loved ones, fighting for a just cause.

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